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The Responsibilities of the Dental Laboratory
Technician and Dental Laboratory Owner
as He Works With the Dentist—and What He
Expects of the Profession*

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H is first responsibility would be his fitness to fulfill and carry out the prescription as directed by the dentist. He must seek educational levels that will enable him to interpret and carry out the directives of the dentist customer. He should attend lectures, clinics where and when possible to raise his educational standards so that he may better serve the dental profession. The dental societies must aid the technicians in seeing that he is invited and able to attend these clinics and lectures.

The technician and laboratory owner must maintain and fulfill his ethical responsibility to the dental profession. He shall not render or aid others in rendering any service directly to the public. He should not be expected to provide advice on any professional subject.

He must direct any and all advertising solely to qualified members of the dental profession. He must never advertise prices to any but duly qualified members of the dental profession and he must never discuss prices with the public. He must never use untrue, deceptive or misleading advertising.

He must use only such materials as are specified by the dentist for whom the work is being performed. If the choice of materials is left to his discretion, he must so inform the dentist respecting the type and kind of materials used.

We must see that our personnel is interested in self improvement and attend appropriate meetings and courses. We must admit we are human and make mistakes and do not attempt to cover up errors rather than ask the dentist to reaccomplish a procedure. We should always return work to the dentist for inspection and approval when it is doubtful, before proceeding with the next step. We must never assume the right to include unsolicited procedures in the service we have been requested to provide.

We must be allowed adequate time for all work and request that rush work be eliminated as much as possible. The dentist must remember the laboratory technician does not and cannot work by appointment and most days he is literally swamped with work. A like parallel would find the dentist opening his office

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in the morning to find 30 to 40 patients all clamoring for an immediate appointment and also insisting they be taken care of that day.

We should ask the dentist to visit the laboratory periodically so that he may better evaluate the services his technicians are able to provide. We should offer constructive criticism in such a way that it is

recognized as constructive.

The dental profession should be continually reminded of their responsibility in assigning work to the dental technician. Most humans have a lazy facet in their makeup. It is natural for the dentist to pass the responsibility on to the technician for many things, such as decisions about articulators and decisions about partial denture fabrication and manufacture. Relief and post daming and beading of dentures is often left to the discretion of the laboratory technician. The trimming of casts in the construction of immediate dentures is frequently left to the laboratory technician. They often leave selection of tooth form and even the shade to the technician. Arbitrary bite registrations that are left to the technician to open or close as he sees fit and finishing dentures without a try-in are included among these responsibilities the dentist must never delegate to the discretion of the technician. Dentistry must be realistic about these habits that have been established over many years.

The leaders in dentistry must realize that the mere stating of responsibility of the dentist is not going to change the habits of thousands of dentists in regard to this problem. Habits are not easy to break. The routine and procedures established between the dentist and the dental laboratory are of long standing. It is wishful thinking to expect that you can reform the entire dental profession on these matters overnight.

The relationship similar to the architect and the construction engineer is the ideal that we should strive toward in dentist-dental technician relationship. Organized dentistry should stop giving "lip service" to the team play approach in dentist-dental technician relations. Let

us really put into practice the team work idea. Organized dentists, through ADA and its state associations, and organized dental laboratories, through NADL and its components, the manufacturers and dealers, through their several organizations, can do much to make this team play an actuality. We have a market for dentistry in this country that we must serve. It is a big market, measured in dollar volume to be over two billion. We must protect this market from the subversive elements within dentistry, such as the PUBLIC DENTAL LABORATORY and the alleged DENTURIST.

The more dentists know about the actual construction and fabrication of prosthetic appliances and the more technical skill that they have, the better it is for the laboratory technician. Dentists who are skilled technicians themselves appreciate the trials and tribulations of the laboratory technician. Some of the many problems we are frequently requested to solve might include the following: "Please construct this partial placing the clasps where you think best. Use a horseshoe type or palatal bar whichever you think will work the better." Another one would be: "Add a tooth to this partial, moving the clasp to the cuspid. I have started an inlay preparation on the cuspid, but did not get the inlay cast and seated before taking the impression. Will you just go ahead and bend the clasp and I will cast the inlay to fit the clasp." Still another: "Should we remove the right bicuspid in order to make a more stable partial"? And yet another that has made my hair gray as it is: "Please choose a shade to go with a man, 69 years old, gray hair and a ruddy complexion." Also: "He has a long face, pointed nose and short upper lip, will you select a type tooth favorable to this patient." I could continue on this vein for hours.

It goes without saying that anything that is done toward establishing accredited facilities to teach dental laboratory technology will be a step in the right direction. I always say that halitosis is bet-

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Boy Scouts Launch Nationwide Good Turn



George E. Welk, D.D.S. discusses the 1958 Boy Scout Safety Good Turn campaign with three members of the Austin District Health and Safety Committee. From left to right: Henry L. Novak of the American Association of Safety Engineers, Dr. Welk, and two representatives of the Chicago Fire Department Safety Bureau—Lt. John Crawford and Charles Robinson.

In their largest single activity to date, the nation's 4,700,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America have launched a yearlong National Safety Good Turn. Their service project was suggested by President Eisenhower, Honorary President of the Boy Scouts and member of its National Executive Board.

President Eisenhower told the Scouts in a White House message:

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"Encouraged by the splendid results of your Conservation Good Turn four years ago, I now urge you to adopt Safety as your service project for 1958. Through the concerted action of your members, and in cooperation with other organizations, you can alert the public to the urgent need for reducing the tragic toll of accidents.

One of Chicago's leaders in this Safety Good Turn is George E. Welk, D.D.S. He has organized a committee of safety engineers, traffic safety officers and fire safety men to help direct the safety projects of the 2,040 Scouts, Cubs, Explorers and leaders of Austin. On May 1, at Austin Town Hall he will launch the spring traffic safety phase of the year long Safety Good Turn. During the summer, Dr. Welk will continue to give leadership to a program of outdoor safety. In the fall he will mobilize these two thousand men, women and boys to deliver a home safety brochure to the 30,000 families living in Austin.

EDITORIAL

Science Fairs

In another section of this issue is an interesting story of a unique exhibit demonstrated at a recent Science Fair held at the Niles Township High School. Several members of the Committee on Dental Health Education of the Society were in attendance. They were high in their praise of the effectiveness of this particular exhibit. It is hoped that after you have read this article you will be stirred into activity to stimulate the young people of your area to in-

terest themselves in dentistry.

Science Fairs have been growing in number and interest until now they are being organized on local, regional, state and national levels. It is true that the last House of Delegates recognized the benefits of these fairs but dentistry has had only token representation in most of them; this when dentists are in short supply, dentistry is in greater demand than ever in history, and population growth far outstrips the number of dental graduates. It should make any means of stimulating interest a must. Medicine has endorsed the science fairs and participates in them; industry, commerce, engineering and other professions are doing their utmost to attract these young people to their fields and we can do no less if we are to maintain pace.

The local high school should be a fertile field for any plan of creating interest in dentistry and its problems. Each of us is closely related to the high school and in cooperation with your local professional men, you can bring such a fair into being. Make a determined effort to dramatize mankind's most prevalent disease and the challenge of solving the problem of overcoming it. Who knows, perhaps your little community may provide mankind with one of its greatest benefactors. This is just one source of creating in-

terest in dentistry and its health service.

Talk to those high school kids who are your patients. Encourage them and assist them. Dentistry needs them with their unlimited faith and vision for a better tomorrow.

BLIND DENTIST

A Chicago Dental Society member, Lambertus Riedel, faced with the bleak future of blindness and all of the psychological and material losses involved and determined that he would not be a burden to anyone, has set a shining example of courage, hard work and faith in God and in his fellow men.

"Bert" Riedel, a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, Class of '37, lost his eyesight in 1956. As the father of four children he knew the despair that most of us can only imagine.

He knew only dentistry so with the help of his friends and many alumni he entered the business of selling dental X-ray film to the profession in February of this year.

To date he is doing well, is very happy and his customers who receive his personal attention as well as excellent service

are more than pleased.

Bert, who resides at 104 N. Charlotte St., Lombard, Illinois, is grateful for the generous support dentistry has given him and promises to do even more for us in return.-J.N.L.

NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

West Side

Carl J. Madda of the West Side Branch, Chairman of the Program Committee of the Illinois State Dental Society, urges all to attend the 94th Annual State Meeting in Springfield on May 12th through May 14th. There is a fine program arranged which will feature speakers delivering presentations on five different phases of dentistry. Forty outstanding table clinics and a President's banquet will be included. There will be a golf and bowling arrangement on the sports side and a very fine movie program for a change of pace. We'll be seeing you at the State Meeting. . . . Our last Branch meeting was a very good one especially for those of us who need help along the economic side of the dental office. Lou Holzman did his usual grand job by presenting Mr. J. P. Revenaugh from Business Management Consultants Inc. who was very well received by the branch and definitely opened our eyes to the good and not so good of our dental economic practice. The lecture "Economics and Practice Management" was not only practical but a definite morale booster for most of us in attendance. Mr. Revenaugh offered many helpful points that could be brought back and applied in the office. . . . Our Installation of Officers was carried out very smoothly and capably under the experienced guidance of Sam Rakow. . . . This year our West Side Golf Outing will be held Wednesday, May 21st, at the Bartlett Hills Golf Course and all the membership is urged to attend. We've always had a wonderful time and this year will be no exception. So get the war clubs polished up, stop at a stop-and-sock for the yearly warmup and away we go to a great time. Take this to heart and make this golf outing for a really good time. More will be said about this later. . . . See you soon. -Andrew J. Kelleher, Branch Corresbondent.

Kenwood-Hyde Park

Chairman Roy Eberle's D.A. and clinic nite meeting got off to a fast start with the non-contested choice of Kenwood-Hyde Park's officers for the 1958-59 season. Warren Lutton will be our new President; Howard Harvey, Presidentelect; Art Block, Secretary; Franklin Otto, Vice-president and yours truly, Henry Leib as Treasurer. . . . Installation of officers will take place during our Ladies' Nite affair on May 6. . . Our outgoing President Graham Davies and Program Chairman Clint Fisher and committee officers should be congratulated for the fine meetings we have had, during the past season. . . . The new officers under the leadership of Warren Lutton will strive to bring the members of KHP. a new series of meetings for 1958-59 that will be outstanding and stimulating. . . . The support of the general membership shown by suggestions offered and regular attendance will be appreciated. Dining with the boys at our regular meetings not only offers tax-deductible pleasure and relaxation but makes our very nice meeting place a reality. Ascher Jacobs has done a wonderful job as dinner chairman in boosting attendance; we hope dinner attendance continues to rise during the coming season. Remember, you deserve the best, so join your colleagues at the pre-meeting dinner table just for fun. At the same time the fellows at your elbows might help solve one of your office problems, as on occasion they have helped me. ... (Cary Middlecoff) Tashiro, our golf outing chairman, has informed us that the golf party has been set for June 11, 1958. His communication with outer space. promised ideal weather for that day. Circle that date on your calendar. . . Ladies' man, Graham Davies addressed the Chicago Dental Assistants Association on April 17. He spoke on "Legal Considerations in Dentistry." . . . Howard Harvey has been busy taking a special

pedodontia course at the University of Illinois. Just treating his children, present and future, made this course a necessity. ... Willard Johnson, Bob Kreiner, Walt Dundon, Warren Lutton and your branch correspondent were present at the Illinois State Society Meeting in Peoria, April and and 3rd. On the afternoon of April and Harold Hillenbrand, Secretary of the American Dental Association, spoke on the subject of "Administration for Dental Society Officers." He emphasized the need of good dental public relations at the component level, and suggested that we might now be a little stuffy in our approaches and thus prevent a sincere effort to accomplish this end. Walt Dundon gave a timely talk on recognizing dental laboratories. The entire meeting was a thought-stimulating affair and provided a shot in the arm for future action. . . . The DeLarve family was saddened by the loss of Bill's mother. We offer our condolences. . . . It has been a long time since I reminded the membership of Kenwood-Hyde Park that our column in the FORTNIGHTLY belongs to all its members. Pardon the expression, but it's just like pulling teeth to get news from some of our constituents. If you are too modest to talk about yourself please contribute news items about your colleagues. Just a phone call or a 2-penny post card will help widen the scope of its inclusiveness. ... Again may I remind you to take your special lady for a grand evening at the Breakers Room of the Sherry, Tuesday nite, May 6th. Looking forward to greeting you on Ladies' Nite .- Henry H. Leib, Branch Correspondent.

Northwest Side

Ladies' Night and installation of officers—Wednesday, May 7th, at the Kungsholm Restaurant. This will be a gala affair so call Iver Oveson at BE 5-2862 and tell him you'll be there. The program: Cocktails, 5 p.m., Dinner, 5:30 p.m., followed by the Installation of Officers and then the Show. . . . The April meeting brought out the best at-

tendance of the year. The clinicians were Waldemar Link on Amalgam Technic; A. Tamarin, Anterior Veneer Crowns; J. Guerrero, Orthodontics; Roger Corrin, Interosseus Anesthesia; Γ. Ferguson, Pedodontia: Iim Mershimer. Helpful Hints or Doing Things The Easy Way; F. Brzezinski, Crown & Bridgework; Mike Kaminski, Oral Surgery. . . Irv Neer is giving a class in Full Mouth Rehabilitation at the convention of the Alpha Omega fraternity in St. Louis. . . . Stanley Rogers is taking a postgraduate course in Pedodontia at the University of Illinois. . . . It was nice to have as a guest Robert W. Herr of Jacksonville, Ill., who is taking a postgraduate course in Pedodontia at the University of Illinois. . . . Send news items to James J. Guerrero, 5522 W. North Ave., Me 7-4474.

West Suburban

With the fish about to come in from deep water and give the fly boys a new lease on life, we are indebted to Ed Kritzke for an article out of the Tribune on April 6th that gave top billing to the President of the Izaak Walton League's west branch chapter, Emil Mulacek, and his theories on what should be the answer to the local water and sewage control. If it will help both people and fish we are for it, Barney. . . . Many of our West Suburbanites did a big share to make the Northwestern Homecoming a big deal. Held on April 23rd, we congratulate Anton Jirsa as one of the boys in the Honor Class of 1933. The class of '33 started practice in really lush times. Frank Klepacki and Phil Suess work in general arrangements, and Mark Low and Spencer Magnuson worked hard in the Table Clinic section. Bob Cutlan was 34-ing it, Fred Macaluso was swinging on the hinge axis, and Wayne Dunnom was sweating out the difficult child patient and we hear tell they all did both themselves and the branch proud. O. W. Silberhorn did his usually fine job on the reception committee. As my namesake,

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News Items

NEW INSURANCE PLAN HAS BEEN ADOPTED

The Insurance Committee of the Chicago Dental Society has recommended and the Board of Directors has approved the adoption of a new and more comprehensive plan of hospitalization insurance, which is to be underwritten by the Michigan Life Insurance Company and serviced by Huntington & Homer, Inc. You will receive full information in due course from Huntington & Homer, Inc., whose number is STate 2-5393.

HYGIENISTS NEWS

The Illinois Dental Hygienists Association will hold its final meeting of the season on May 8 at Younker's Restaurant, 51 E. Chicago Avenue, at 7:15 p.m. Dr. George W. Runyan will speak on "Patient Classification by Morphology."

CHICAGO ACADEMY OF DENTAL PSYCHOSOMATICS

The next meeting of the Chicago Academy of Dental Psychosomatics will be held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel on May 9 at 7:30 p.m. Sidney A. Schneider, a registered professional engineer in electronics, will discuss and demonstrate "An Electronic Aid to Hypnosis." Mr. Schneider is the inventor of the "brain wave syncronizer" and he has appeared before many medical groups.

The second half of the Dr. Irving Lee program "Talking Sense" will also be shown. The titles of this presentation are:

1. On the Difference of Words and Things; 2. What is a Good Observer?;

3. The Man Who Knows It All.

Members of the Chicago Dental Society and their guests are cordially invited to attend this meeting.—Bernard S. Margolis, Secretary.

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James N. Lynch, Secretary

Robert Tuck, Treasure

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The following table clinics and demonstrations will be presented:

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laymond Van Dam — Application and Construction of Dowel Attachments for Partial Dentures

Perry J. Sandell, Director, Bureau of Dental Health Education, American Dental Association — Use of American Dental Association Materials in Patient Education

and the four prize-winning table clinics from the Table Clinic Contest at the Loyola School of Dentistry — Chicago College of Dental Surgery tudent American Dental Association Day, April 14

isst Place: Rampant Caries Control — Jack Akamine, Edward Ostaski

cond Place: Full Mouth Rehabilitation — Richard Blecha, Mackinnon Hinckley, Thomas Wright

hird Place: Rubber Dam Technique - James Calder

ourth Place: Children's Dentistry - Ray Marks, James Schram

Science Fairs

typical science fair is a collection of exhibits each of which is designed to show a biological, chemical, physical or technical principle. It may be a laboratory procedure, industrial development, or an orderly collection of anything which can be fitted into the broad concept of any branch of applied science." (Joseph H. Kraus, Coordinator, National Science Fair.)

persons. At last year's National Science Fair, all phases of science were represented except dentistry."

The winners from regional science fairs proceed to state science fairs, one of which will be held in May of this year in Champaign.

If there had been only one dental exhibit in each of these individual local, regional, state and national fairs, a mem-



Student Charles Turefsky (left) shows his exhibit to Drs. Herman Kelder and Willard Johnson.

According to Dr. Sholom Pearlman, Assistant Secretary of the Council on Dental Therapeutics of the American Dental Association, "The exhibits are prepared by elementary and high school students for showing to their classmates, teachers, parents and the public. Most local fairs are affiliated with Science Clubs of America, a non-profit organization for the popularization of science. In 1956, local science fairs across the country were visited by more than 950,000

orable message might have been brought directly to more than 1.5 million people, and indirectly to many more by means of newspaper publicity of the best caliber.

On the evening of March 19th, at Niles Township High School, in Skokie, Illinois, a most outstanding exhibit by Charles Turefsky, a sophomore, was viewed by Edgar Stephens, Herman Kelder and Willard Johnson. This embryonic scientist and potential dentist, after

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not related, Otto does a big chore well. ... Bill Vopata's hygienist, Alice Shipilo, was active in the hygiene section of the Homecoming. . . . It is reported that there are more participants in the First National Dental Budget Plan via the Chicago Dental Society and this should help the doctor and the patient alike in this so-called recession. . . . Illinois State President Bob Pollock is doing a very excellent job of getting publicity in the hands of all dentists for what looks like a whale of a meeting in Springfield on May 12, 13, and 14. . . Bob Fine, of the Kerr Co., gave a talk to the West Suburban Round Table on April 7th, covering the "Newer Aspects of Rubber Base and Silicone Materials." . . . Bob Price is still waiting for the hole in the ground that will indicate that his new office will be a reality. . . . Wilbur C. Schuessler of Fullerton Ave. in Chicago. is in the above-ground stage of a building in Wooddale and we wish him luck in this area. . . . We understand Jack Opdahl is a new home owner in North Oak Park. ... President Buchner is already hard at work lining up all his committees for the coming year. . . . Al Ryan seems to be plagued with freak accidents. He lost a finger tip in a car door and has had a skin graft. He just recently recovered from the injury of a bone fracture while sleeping. . . . Lyle McNamara is back in the office after a brush with Old Mexico at Acapulco. . . . Clarence Hanson is back from Jamaica and the Caribbean and now Rudy Hinrichs is leaving to cover the same territory. . . . Ed Brundage is counting the days until his first Northwoods trip of the year. . . . We regret to announce the passing of Mrs. John A. Hauff, mother of Drs. Vernon and John G. Hauff. . . . Services were held in Valparaiso, Indiana. . . . Freddie Mahlke's daughter has married a dentist we understand and we think it is nice to have a common interest with a new son-in-law. ... Jim Hofrichter had a birthday party on the 26th and I will list the names of

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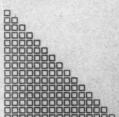
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AMUROL PRODUCTS COMPANY NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS the guests present. I have checked name spelling so many times this year I will just go wild this time and have fun. Present were Lizznicki, Mike-Lass, Kroop-Ka, Pour-on-sky, and Mull-a-Czeck. . . . Mark your date books for the big Monte Carlo Night at the Woodridge Country Club on Tuesday, May 27th. This will be the fifth annual affair by the Far West Study Club and you are assured of a ball, don't miss this one. We will plug this again in the next issue so you will not forget.—John W. Silberhorn, Branch Correspondent.

North Side

Greetings! I'm glad to be back as your correspondent again. . . . Mark your calendar now for the Big Annual Golf Day and Outing at Glendale again this year, on Wednesday, June 11th. Remember the big, standing Rib Roast at each table? And remember the wonderful prizes for everybody? . . . This year there will be a Special Drawing for a Portable Admiral TV Set, for those golfers or dinner guests, who will have their paid up reservations in before June 4th. Make your reservations NOW with Joe Stillerman, AM 2-6980, Remember, a good time is assured, rain or shine. . . . Spoke to Morrie Altus who is recuperating and expects to be back at his office by the time you read this. We can expect great things from him, as he has started a hobby of painting. I recommend it to all dentists as a relaxing hobby. . . . Jules and Mrs. Barrash ran into the Ray Bro's at the Wagon Wheel and had a swell time. . . . Howard Adilman looks a bit sleepy these days has to get up for a 7:30 a.m. class he is teaching in Major Oral Surgery at Northwestern. . . . Les Kaplin is off to Phoenix, a combination dental meeting and golf game. . . . I am happy to report that in response to a request from the ADA, your secretary (that's me) was instructed to send letters to all our representatives and senators, asking them to pass the appropriation for the construction of a Dental Institute Building to

house the National Institute of Dental Research. Just got word that the House of Representatives passed the \$3,700,-000.00 appropriation and now it is up to all of us to send letters to Senator Lister Hill, Chairman of Appropriations, and to Senators Douglas and Dirksen, at U.S. Senate, Washington 25, D. C., to do likewise. . . . Murray Hoffman gave a lecture to the Oral Surgery Department and Oral Surgery Journal Club of the University of Illinois, on "Recent Pharmacological Advances in the Control of Pain" and on May 9th, will be serving as a judge in the finals at the Science Fair at Champaign, as a member of the Illinois Academy of Science. He sure gets around. . . . Russell Boothe, always good for some news, just got back from a trip to New York with his wife, where he visited with his daughter and saw the city as well as attending a clinic at Bellevue. He also reports that Marvin Ericson had the mumps, of all things! . . . Stan Goldberg reports that Bob Pond, Earl Hullison, Harry Glass and Deke Weber just got thru a seminar on "Dentogenics," you know, that denture course with the new technic of making teeth life-like and achieving new esthetic results taking into consideration, Sex, Physiology and Age. I always did think sex had something to do with teeth. . . . Abe Hoffman bought an antique dish and got a new Chevrolet thrown in on the deal. Shades of the old dish premiums in the movies. . . . Paul Dolin barely was able to get back from a vacation in the South-he was so dark, he was almost segregated. . . . Stan Goldberg also tells me that he is going to give a talk on Photography (he is good at it) to the Wisconsin State Meeting. . . . Mike Winer is now associated with Morry Falstein and Harold Gerstein. Harold just finished building a Plexiglass Art Studio for his wife (we ought to have an Art Fair of our members and their families' hobbies), and about the only painting he has been doing lately, is painting his house, fence and sailboat. He can really paint when he wants to. . . Joe Krohn and Harold Brill have come back armed with a lot of knowledge of

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Periodontia, having taken a course with Dr. Henry M. Goldman in Boston. The course was limited to only 13, members coming from as far as Ireland, England, Italy and Canada. The three from Chicago were labeled "Murder Incorporated," a title verified by Joe, as he says, due to the racket made by Harold, I understand, while sleeping. Earl Elman is in charge of transportation of the Uptown Forum group to Upjohn in Kalamazoo (a trip similar to that taken to Ely Lilly), and Earl has arranged for two special cars (train) for the 100 going on the jaunt. . . . Barrash, Parkin, Gerber, Osmanski, Kadens and Sitron represented the North Side at a special meeting of the Essay Committee at the CDS offices. . . . Harold Rabin added another operating room to his office and all new furniture to brighten up the place. . . . LeRoy Levey's daughter, Penny, is now richer by \$1200.00, her college fund, by the sale of 4 toy poodles. Looks like another litter is on the way. Seems to pay better than dentistry. . . . Ben Block is joining the exodus to Skokie, in his new home. . . . Howard Greenberg is now associated with Dan Silberberg, in Paul Brown's building. . . . Herb Gustavson still going around talking to many groups: the last one before the Greater Cincinnati Dental Society on "Washed Field Dentistry." Have you heard him? He's good. . . . John Anderson's itinerary will take him to dental society groups in Buffalo, Kansas City and Salt Lake City. He is another one

who is quite popular... Art Elfenbaum, our roving consultant, gave some projected clinics at the Midwinter, addressed the First Dist. Dental Society at Evansville and the Lake County Dental Society at Waukegan on, "Diagnosis in Dentistry," was appointed Courtesy Physician in Dentistry at Michael Reese and will be sent to Europe and Israel to give a series of lectures. My, how our guys get around.... Don't forget, June 11th, GOLF DAY! Get your reservations in early!—I. H. Shapiro, Branch Correspondent.

Englewood

Program Chairman Al Jason added another in the succession of interesting programs for the year on April 9th. A record "house" listened to Dr. Orion Stuteville, head of Oral Surgery at NU (and also wrestling coach) describe some very important observations that one has to notice in every day practice. ... And, not to finish with a letdown, Al Jason has scheduled as the program for Tuesday, May 6th (one week earlier because of the State meeting), Dr. A. Elfenbaum; his subject, "New Values in Dental X-rays with Special Emphasis on the Detection of Systemic Disorders." Installation of officers for the ensuing year will also take place. Make a date and bring a classmate. . . . As a result of the annual election of officers held at the April meeting, the following will occupy the chairs for the ensuing year-President, Henry Mathews; Vice-pres., Eugene Jaffe; Secretary, Robert Tharp; Treasurer, Stanley Pacer. . . . There was an election at the April meeting of the Chicago Dental Society-two distinguished Englewoodians were elected to occupy important posts-Harold Hayes as President-elect and Paul Kanchier as Vicepresident. To all the above, our sincerest congratulations and best wishes. . . . Paul Kanchier was also elected Vicepresident (and Treasurer) in charge of arrangements (and bills) for the forthcoming wedding of his daughter, Bar-

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bara. . . . And in the same spirit of wedding bells, Ted and Ann Lindholm will say "Aloha" to the States when they sail on the S.S. Matsonia from L. A. on May 16th to celebrate their 25th honeymoon. Congratulations and Bon Voyage. . . . Not too late to plan to attend the State meeting on the 12th, 13th and 14th at Springfield . . . and not too early to make a date for the Englewood Golf Tournament at Southmoor Country Club on June 4th. . . . Irvin and Mrs. Oaf drove to the Valley of the Sun, Phoenix, Ariz. for a month's sojourn. While there they will visit former Englewoodians Rex Umbenhauer and L. G. Blanchett. . . . Toiling Frank Farrell, doing such a "bang up" job as District Deputy of the Elks, found time to oversee the 75th Dental Alumni meet at Loyola; the guy will be sprouting antlers any day now. . . . Bill Shippee off to do some fishing and leave from the dog house. . . . Leo Finley back from a "study course" on slots and craps at Las Vegas-did he say he "passed." . . . Tom Starshak off to visit son Al at St. Louis. . . . Geo. Luetcher up from Florida for a visit. . . . Tom Cavanaugh back from a seminar on swing and putt at the National Masters at Augusta, Ga. -Tom roomed next door to the Golf White House. . . . Marion Kostrubala's office burglarized on Easter Sunday, those guys weren't hunting for eggs, but found some extracted bridges. . . . Walter Raczynski's teen-age daughter off for a visit of Europe with "Grandma." . . . Good reports only of the fine job Rodney Marks is chalking up in the Stickney Township

Public Health District—openwide. . . Condolences to Earl Gallagher on the death of his Mother. . . . 'Tis said, Ed Werre can recall each Englewood meeting by the identifying spot on his tietime to boil it out, Ed. . . . The Solfronks had to flu back from Florida because they had the fly-in flew enza out flu vacation. . . . Walter Miller listening for the flap of the Gran'pa Stork's wings. ... Congenial guest at the meeting, Dr. Dave Suzuki, associate in George Runyan's Office. . . . Old Timers at same meeting, Stransky, Zak, Jacobson, McParland, Becker-hobble over again, men . . . and in closing, a pome from the Pieved Piper Ro Waska-

Tis done beneath the mistletoe, 'tis done beneath the Rose.

But the proper place to kiss, you know, Is just beneath the nose.

Vincent B. Milas, Assistant Branch Correspondent.

South Suburban

The last business meeting is over and now we have two events left on our calendar for the balance of the year. The first is the dinner-dance for all the members and spouses and the other our annual golf meeting at which time the new officers are installed. Speaking of officers, Walt Dundon, President of the Chicago parent society, was in attendance, and after all the nice things he said about us, I am sure he will be invited back again. Dan Altier's change of pace in programming,



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that is in having two very good color and sound movies, was also very well received. In the matter of new business, a vote was taken on the motion to have our next year's meetings at the Lincoln Heights restaurant newly opened in Chicago Heights. The matter was unanimously approved, also in the same manner was approved the appointment of the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee along with the newly-created post of President-elect. . . . Going South for a visit to the land of enchantment. Mexico, is Lloyd Bettenhausen. He says if he likes it, he will be interested in studying Spanish when he gets back. . . . Sid Bayer reported he was in Florida for a short vacation, short because of the weather that was anything but balmy. Nothing daunted was Herb Hammer heading for Miami for a rest and a visit with his dad, a year-round resident there. ... Preparing for a long hot summer was Harold Drummond who had an air-conditioner put into his new Cadillac Coupe DeVille. . . . In the order of accommodating patients, any of you interested might speak to Ken Washburn who recently made a house call on a patient down in Miami. The details are most interesting. . . . Looking to the future, Silvio Tiberi asked for any comments pro or con in regard to having our golf outing at the newly refurbished Chicago Heights Country Club. . . . Proud Chuck Buckman is getting all measured up for a new suit for his son's wedding in June. . . . That's all for now .- H. C. Gornstein, Branch Correspondent.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DENTAL LABORATORY

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ter than no breath at all. Even the pathetically few such facilities as we have, are better than nothing. However, they are far from adequate to do the job that must be done, if we expect to provide the kind of educational facilities for the field of dental laboratory technology that is now so sadly lacking.

The dental laboratory craft has often been pointed to by leaders in dentistry as the "bad boy" in the dental family, the juvenile delinquent so to speak. However, as is often found to be the case with bad boys, the parents are the real delinquents. If the bad boy is permitted to grow up without proper training, direction and guidance, who is to blame, the parent or the bad boy? Many of the shortcomings of the dental laboratory craftsmen could have been prevented if the parent, in this case the dental profession, had not shirked its responsibility of parenthood.

Dentists who know the details of good laboratory work don't complain about proper charges for good service and quality work. This is a REAL basic problem. The field of dental laboratory technology has become very unattractive because of its lack of promise for the future. The opportunity to make a good living that measures up to factory employment is not there anymore. Inflation has reduced the laboratory employees standard of living below that of most vocations today. As a result we are having an increas-



ingly difficult recruitment problem for technical personnel within our field. As an example I am told by a reliable source that the average hourly pay of an employee of the Ford Motor Company is \$3.17 in this country. The average pay of a dental technician in the United States is \$2.00 an hour. The average laboratory man makes less than 2/3 of the average employee of the Ford Motor Company.

In order to pay good wages laboratory operators must charge more for their services. The ethical laboratory that has set high standards of quality as their policy operation, must necessarily charge a fair return for the time it takes to construct a quality product for their dentist customer. Incidentally, the payment of higher wages to laboratory men will pay off almost immediately in the attraction of higher caliber recruits in the dental laboratory field. With the establishment of standards, skill and ability of the certification criteria, it can provide additional incentive to the entrance of recruits into the field.

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